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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL — AND TO ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Will to Give OPC The 'Right' Start

Where there is a Will there is a way. Frequently it is to the right.

Presently a bi-weekly columnist for *Newsweek* and author of two columns a week for the Washington Post Writers Group syndicate, George F. Will also has time to do weekly commentary on the "Today Show," is a regular member of Agronsky & Company and is a frequent guest on "Meet The Press." To make sure that his schedule remains filled, Larry Stessin and Gloria Zukerman, co-chairing the OPC Shop Talk Committee, have challenged the ubiquitous Will to tell members and guests how he manages to cope. He has accepted the gauntlet and will join us on the evening of Tuesday, January 29. The cocktails and conversation will commence at 5:30 pm.

No overextended gadfly, Will won the Pulitzer Prize in 1977 for distinguished commentary. The judges noted that he "is at home with a wide range of topics—from international relations, campaigns and urban problems to the history of machine guns and vagaries of the press." He told a recent visitor that if he had to limit his commentary to political candidates that he would "fold up and die." Over 300 newspapers presently run his column.

Born in the mid-west in 1941, Will earned his bachelor's degree at Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.). He did post-graduate study at Oxford University and received a Ph.D. from Princeton. He taught political philosophy at Michigan State and the University of Toronto before joining the staff of Senator Gordon Allott (Rep.-Colo.) who was, at the time, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee. From 1973 through 1975, he was Washington editor of the *National Review*. During his tenure,



George F. Will

Time Magazine selected Will as one of 200 "leaders of tomorrow." Ironically, he would start his column for rivalling *Newsweek Magazine* two years later. His syndicated *Washington Post* column started in 1974.

Truly, a man of all mediums.

— Charles Schreiber

Up-and-Coming

Thursday, January 3 — First lobby art show of the new year, paintings, drawings and sketches by distinguished artists depicting the U.S. Air Force in peacetime duty. Through January.

First of OPC's 40th Anniversary Distinguished Journalist series:

Tuesday, January 29 — 5:30 to 7 p.m. "Shop Talk" — George F. Will — Winner of the 1976 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. *Washington Post* Writer's Group syndicated columnist.

Monday, February 11 — Cocktails 12 Noon; "Shop Talk" Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Ray C. Cave — Managing Editor, *Time*.

Reservations required for all events.
Mary Novick — 679-9650.
Luncheons: Members \$15/Guests \$16.

Material Wanted For New OPC Book

OPC Members recall with pleasure and pride the seven exciting books of eyewitness stories, dispatches and harrowing or amusing or unexpected personal experiences detailed by OPC's professional news reporters, male and female, in covering assignments throughout the world.

Now Helen Alpert announces that an eighth volume is in preparation and already eagerly awaited, with several journalism schools having put in early bids for advance copies.

The two most recent OPC volumes were "Heroes for Our Times," with a photographic gallery edited by Cornell Capa, published in 1968, and "How I Got That Story," in 1967. Earlier volumes were "I Can Tell It Now," "As We See Russia," "Men Who Make Your World," "Deadline Delayed" and "The Inside Story."

Tentative title suggested for the volume is "Eyewitness."

Statewide and overseas reporters and editors, publishers and freelancers, newspaper, magazine and broadcast people are urged to submit entries, as many as they wish, as soon as possible to: Helen Alpert, Overseas Press Club, 52 East 41 Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

An Appeal

Your BULLETIN sorely needs overseas correspondents to keep the rest of us, in the States and abroad, informed of what is going on — professionally and personally — with them and other OPCers in their communities. We really care, you know. So please write, won't you?

Matt Bassity, Former President, Dies at 64



Matt Bassity

Matthew A. R. Bassity, a former president of the OPC, died on December 17th of a heart attack at the age of 64, in his New York City apartment.

A member since 1955, he involved himself for many years in the activities of the OPC, and served tirelessly on many committees. He subsequently became a member of the Board of Governors, a vice president, and was elected president in 1976.

The son of a missionary and brought up in China, Matt showed some of the rich inheritance of his father's calling by his quiet dignity, his patience with his fellow man but, at the same time, while chairman of the Freedom of the Press Committee, he fought any infringement of the freedom of the press, and was instrumental in arranging the release of several black journalists detained in prison under the Vorster government of South Africa.

During World War II he served as a combat photo officer and was awarded among other decorations, the Croix de Guerre.

His many friends will miss him and remember him.

—Henry Gellermann

DIRECTORY DEADLINE: NOW!

It is urgently suggested that all members who have not as yet sent in their information for proper listing in the 1980 OPC Directory, do so without further delay.

The deadline is January 15th and any inquiries should be directed to Mary Novick at the OPC office.

COL. WESTLAKE, 81, CHIEF OF ARMY PR

Col. William Westlake, USAF Ret., a long-time member of the Overseas Press Club who, as reporter and editor, covered the growth of American aviation, died Nov. 15 at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. He was 81.

Col. Westlake enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as an aviation cadet, remained in the Air Reserve and was one of 10 rated pilots to form the Illinois National Guard in 1918.

In 1920 he joined the *Chicago Daily Journal* as a reporter, becoming city editor and aviation editor. In his spare time he operated a flying field in a Chicago suburb. He later joined the *Chicago Herald-Examiner* as city editor and aviation editor, and then joined TWA as public relations manager.

In 1941 he was called into active duty and served as a squadron pilot for five months before being ordered into the office of the Chief of the Air Corps.

He served as chief PRO for the Army Air Force, saw duty in all theaters except Alaska and China and participated in a number of combat missions. In 1945 he went to Berlin as a public relations officer with the U.S. military government. He returned to Washington to become the Army's chief PR officer.

Until retirement in 1958, he served in public relations advisory positions for the Secretary of Defense.

Memorial services were held at the Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, with burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Letters

DATELINE '79 is a great magazine achievement and everyone involved is to be heartily congratulated. Forgive me if I point out one omission that I think does an injustice to a fine overseas correspondent.

Lenore Hershey's excellent piece on "Les Girls" fails to mention Marvane Howe of *The New York Times* among the company of women correspondents overseas. Lenore's piece was written in 1968, of course, but Marvane was then covering Portugal for *The Times*, which she had joined from the overseas staff of Life.

In the 15 years or so that she has been with *The Times*, Marvane has reported from Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro, Beirut and other places, and is now reporting from Ankara.

—Nathan W. Goldstein

. . . and postscripts

WEDDING BELLS: Barry and Josephine Bishop, who spend much of their retirement time traveling around the world, wound up the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by stretching it from their home base in Austin, Texas, to Manhattan and the OPC. They report that club room accommodations are excellent and the dining room one of the best. So now you know.

BUSY BUSY: Jeanne Toomey, long-time OPCer, scored recently with a couple of magazine pieces — one on Susan Reinert in *Official Detective* and another, "Daddy's Drugstore was a Speakeasy," in *Modern Maturity*.

KEEPING WARM IN JAPAN: OPCer Robert Trumbull, who thinks he may be the oldest career foreign correspondent still active abroad for an American newspaper, sends greetings from Tokyo, where he is running *The New York Times* bureau as a temporary while Henry Scott Stokes, the regular, covers the explosive events in Korea. Bob had been posted to Honolulu after a tour of duty in Ottawa, but got sidetracked to Tokyo when Korea started acting up. His and Jean's duds, meanwhile, had gone to Honolulu. "I don't know how long we'll be here," he writes, "but we sent back to Honolulu for our winter clothes." Not that the Trumbulls are unhappy in Tokyo. They spent a long tour of duty there before the Canadian assignment.

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Washington Ticker

BY JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — "The Education of Anna," the newest book by *Anna Chen-nault*, one of Washington's "Mystery Women," tells her own story in a six-part serialization appearing in many newspapers including the *Washington Star*.

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An amendment by Rep. *Lester Wolff*, D.-N.Y., to the Education Acts of 1980 will significantly improve the Veterans' cost-of-instruction program.

Wolff said his amendment will improve the efficiency of the support programs which help our veterans, at no extra cost to American taxpayers.

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Edgar Miller, who left Washington some years ago, has returned to the States as managing editor of the *Chattanooga Times*.

Miller left the *Knoxville Journal* to come to Washington with Sen. Howard Baker as his press assistant in 1967. Then to Brazil with the AP, later transferred to Europe, serving in many European countries.

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Angier Biddle Duke, former Department of State Protocol chief and ambassador to Spain, El Salvador, and Denmark, is back in this city with his wife, Robin.

President Carter has nominated him Ambassador to Morocco.

Moroccan Ambassador and Mrs. Ali Bengelloun entertained in the Dukes' honor at a reception and dinner.

Among those attending were former New York Gov. *Averell Harriman*, Supreme Court Justices Byron White and Potter Stewart, Sen. Jacob Javits, Sen. and Mrs. Charles Percy, and the President's Middle East negotiator, Sol Linowitz.

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ABC announced that print-journalist-author Carl Bernstein in March will be the next Washington Bureau Chief.

George Watson, whom Bernstein is replacing, and who has filled the slot since 1976, moves to New York City as vice president of administration and operations for ABC News.

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Betty Wason chaired the fifth and she says her "last," National Press Club's "Book Fair," held on Nov. 15, grossing over \$11,000.

It was "authors' night" with over 100 present and autographing their books.

With 20 percent off, sales were brisk, as many members and guests bought books for Christmas gifts.

Among the authors present were Richard Valeriani, "Travels with Henry,"; Jerry F. terHorst, "The Flying White House,"; Victor Lasky, "Jimmy Carter,"; Ruth Montgomery, "Strangers Among Us," and Ron Nessen, "The First Lady."

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It's hard to believe, but *Averell Harriman's* 88th birthday party began with a grim film called "Nuclear Nightmare," which is about "wars that cannot be allowed to happen."

He reminisced about when he was a boy and the World was at peace and the railroads ran. He stressed that Salt II is the most important event in 1980.

When he appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee testifying on the proposed treaty, it was a theatrical high point.

Harriman recalled that "I knew Trotsky, but I did not know Lenin," which was drawing on a half-century of experience with the Soviet Union.

The former New York governor, cabinet secretary, and ambassador, read his prepared statement with a magnifying glass, and asked senators to speak up because he was "very deaf."

It was observed that the rulers of the Soviet Union are men of his age except ailing Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev, who is years younger than Harriman.

U.S. News/World Report To Do Dateline '80

U.S. News & World Report has agreed to publish *Dateline 1980* to appear in time for the Annual Awards Dinner at the end of April 1980.

The Washington-based publication has initiated a number of meetings with *Joe Newman*, OPC's Washington contact, and plans are under way to find an editor and begin selling advertising. As in previous years, *Ken Giniger* and *Art Milton* have offered their advice and counsel.

SORRY!

Russ Tornabene was identified as Chairman of the OPC Membership Committee and *Harry Rand* as Co-Chairman in the Dec. 15 story on club reciprocity. It should be the other way around. Harry Rand is Chairman and Russ Tornabene Co-Chairman.

New Members

Active Resident
Margaret E. Eastman

Associate Resident
Richard Barkle
Amelia Lobsenz
Frank Schwartzman

Associate Non-Resident
Jack Schlossberg

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

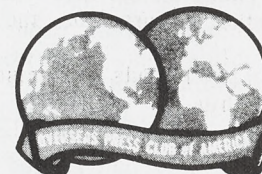
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Who, What, Where

By GRACE NAISMITH

NEW LOOK: Rob Roy Buckingham has been named to a new position — director of development and strategic planning for the news, education and information service group of *The New York Times*. **Sam Summerlin**, who was Buckingham's deputy for four years, succeeds him as general manager of *The New York Times* News Service and president of *The New York Times* Syndication Sales Corporation. *The Times* News Service is a supplementary wire service sending *Times* material to about 500 newspapers in the U.S. and abroad. The Syndication Sales Corporation makes available the contents of books and other materials to newspapers and other periodicals... **Bill Williamson** (E.P.Jr.) has been reappointed by Inter American Press Association President George Beebe (*Miami Herald*) chairman of the IAPA Awards Committee, which he has headed for the past four years. He is in his fifth three-year term as a member of the IAPA board of directors, and has been active even longer on the Committee on Freedom of Press and Information. For 19 years editor and managing partner of the *Brazil Herald* in Rio de Janeiro, Williamson is now regional director in that city for the new *Latin American Daily Post/Brazil Herald* operation... **Arky Gonzalez** has returned to the U.S. after 11 years as a foreign correspondent and publishing executive abroad. He is now the *People Magazine* correspondent in San Diego while continuing to file for the 700 daily newspapers of the NEA syndicate and free-lancing for other magazines, including *The Reader's Digest*, *TWA Ambassador Magazine*, *Signature*. New address: 17410 Plaza Field, Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, CA 92128; tel.: 714-485-0270

SAD NEWS: Jerome S. Kriska, a member of the OPC for many years has died after a long illness. Kriska was a former managing editor of the *Daily News Record*, a trade paper of Fairchild Publications. The word comes from his widow, Ruth Hart Kriska, 63 East Ninth Street, New York... Arthur F. Monroe, a former OPC member died Dec. 11. Monroe had retired as vice-president of J.M. Mathes, Inc. and previously had been a news bureau manager, reporter and editor for UPI and *Time Magazine*. Mathes was Havana Bureau Manager, Cable Editor in Buenos Aires and covered Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

TRAVELING: Clayton Willis, Willis News Service, Palm Beach, Fla., has

returned from a 7-weeks' trip to Zimbabwe, Rhodesia and Botswana, Lesotho; and 6 weeks in South Africa, Cape Verde Islands, then Europe. He also went to Brazil and Venezuela.

SAVED: Commodore Stark (Eliot M.) reports that his Rhodes 19 sloop, "The Ganza Megilla," out of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., will sail again flying the OYC burgee. She sustained \$2,700 in damage by "Hurricane David" Sept. 1979.

HANDS: The death of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen reminds sculptor, **Ray Shaw**, of the time Sheen posed for her. "I had expected his hands to be frail and delicate, the hands of the ascetic or philosopher. Instead, they were strong, square hands with large, dominant thumbs, muscular wrists, and he had a warm, compelling handshake. 'You have the hands of a worker, a doer,'" Ray Shaw observed to him. He laughed. "I wouldn't be surprised," he said. "When I was a boy I worked on my father's farm in Illinois. I could probably do my share of haying even now."

IN TOWN: Gene M. Gressley, director of the Archive of Contemporary History of the University of Wyoming, visited with some OPC members early in December. He hopes to obtain more OPC "papers," both from the Club itself and individual members for the communication section of his Archive. Also interested in writers' papers and visiting recently was Janice L. O'Connell of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and director of its Mass Communications History Center. It has the papers of many OPC members — the late **Sam Pope Brewer** and **Burnet Hershey**; **Cecil Brown**, **Henry Cassidy**,

among others. She had a photograph of former president **Louis Lochner's** daughter poring over his papers, and an article by Louis Lochner, "Communications and the Mass-Produced Mind," as readable today as it was in 1958. It appeared in *The Wisconsin Magazine of History*. Pictures of Lochner in Berlin at a press conference with Goebbels and photographs of Hess, Hitler and others are rare journalistic history. And at the end of the article there is a pertinent paragraph about the OPC. In referring to the individualism of men and women in mass communications, he writes "If you don't believe it, try to preside, as I have, over a meeting of the Overseas Press Club, all of whose members have been in journalistic service both within and outside the United States. It is often claimed that our 1500 members have at least 1600 opinions. Personally I believe that is the understatement of the year. If anywhere in the world there is a fraternity of individualists, it is to be found in the communications profession."

EDITOR: Hildegard Fillmore Smith turns out the *Bulletin* for the National Arts Club, single-handed. It is longer than our Bulletin and may be more intimately newsworthy since "Hildy" is also vice-president and secretary of the Arts Club and lives right in the national landmark in Gramercy Park.

COMPLIMENTS: to Rosalind Moore for editing so excellently the OPC Bulletin those many weeks between Guenther and Taubkin. She was a pleasure to work with.

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